

REMARKS

Claims 3, 9-10, 14, 16, 19-23, and 27-29 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph for insufficient antecedent basis. Claims 1-17, 19-24, and 26-30 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by United States Patent Number 7,069,434 to Ilnicki et al. (hereinafter Ilnicki).

Response to rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112

Claims 3, 9-10, 14, 16, 19-23, and 27-29 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph for insufficient antecedent basis. Applicants have amended claims 9, 10, 14, 16, 19-23, and 27-29 to provide proper antecedent basis. Claim 3 is canceled.

Amendments to the Claims

Applicants have amended claim 1 with the limitation that the secure function module, communication module, and context module are embodied in a Trusted Platform Module (TPM) device. The amendment is well supported by the specification. See page 11, ¶ 44.

Claim 1 is further amended with the limitations “...comprising storing cryptographic keys for the excluding computer module...” and “...comprising storing cryptographic keys for the non-conforming computing module...” The limitations are fully supported by the specification. See page 13, ¶ 49-50.

Applicants have further amended claim 1 with the limitations “...enabling the secure function module to transact the secure function with the excluding computing module...” and “...enabling the secure function module to transact the secure function with the non-conforming computing module...” The amendment is fully supported by the specification. See page 10, ¶ 38. Claim 1 is further amended with the limitations of claim 2.

Claims 8, 11, 17, 24, and 30 are similarly amended. Claims 2, 3, 12, and 13 are canceled. Claims 4, 14, 16, and 27 are amended to conform to amended claims.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. 102

Claims 1-17, 19-24, and 26-30 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by United States Patent Number 7,069,434 to Ilnicki et al. (hereinafter Ilnicki). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Claims 1, 8, 11, 17, 24, and 30 are amended with the limitation of a trusted platform module (TPM) in place of a secure computing module. Because Ilnicki does not teach a TPM, applicants submit that claims 1, 8, 11, 17, 24, and 30 are allowable. Applicants further submit that claims 4-7, 9, 10, 14-16, 19-23, and 26-29 are allowable as depending from allowable claims. Claims 2, 3, 12, and 13 are canceled.

Conclusion

As a result of the presented remarks and amendments, Applicants submit that the application is in condition for allowance. In the event any questions remain, the Examiner is respectfully requested to initiate a telephone conference with the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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